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## **Calhoun County to Receive Funding** **for Construction of New Bike Lane**

**LANSING** – Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Calhoun, Jackson counties) announced today that Calhoun County will receive funding for the construction of a bike lane along Wattles Rd. Funding for the project will come from part of the \$13 million in new transportation enhancement grants introduced earlier today by Gov. Granholm.

“I thank Gov. Granholm for including Calhoun County in this grant package and I applaud the efforts of the Calhoun County Road Commission for improving the recreational opportunities for our area,” Schauer said. “Having safe and convenient biking areas is one way to improve our community’s quality of life, and I’m committed to making sure my district receives its fair share of funding for these important projects.”

The Calhoun County Community Development and Road Commission will construct a six-foot wide, three-mile long paved bike lane on each side of Wattles Road, with a comfort station/restroom at the trailhead, beginning at F Drive and continuing north to the intersection of Verona Road in Emmett Charter Township in Calhoun County. The new path will provide a linkage to the Calhoun County Linear Trail, which is located at Historic Bridge Park.

The project is also supported by the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study as well as the Potawatomi Resource, Conservation and Development Council and the Emmett Township Planning Commission.

Communities across Michigan are receiving similar enhancement grants to fund landscape, streetscape, and non-motorized pathway development projects.

Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.

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